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July	8, 1957	Senate passed H. R. 632 without amendment.
July	23, 1957	Approved: Public Law 85-111.

DIGEST OF PUBLIC LAW 85-111

CROP INSURANCE IN PUERTO RICO. Amends the Federal Crop Insurance Act so as to provide standby authority for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to provide reinsurance on any crop or plantation insurance provided in Puerto Rico by a duly authorized agency of Puerto Rico, in the event private companies now furnishing the reinsurance should terminate their reinsurance contracts.

85TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 632

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 1957

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Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That section 508 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as
4 amended (7 U. S. C. 1508), is amended by adding a new
5 subsection (f) to read as follows:

6 “(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title,
7 the corporation is hereby authorized, under such terms and
8 conditions as it deems consistent with sound reinsurance
9 principles, to provide reinsurance on any crop or plantation
10 insurance provided in Puerto Rico by a duly authorized
11 agency of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico: *Provided,*
12 That no application for reinsurance authorized herein shall

- 1 be approved, unless the corporation shall have determined
2 that the reinsurance deemed necessary is not available from
3 recognized private sources at reasonable cost.”

85TH CONGRESS
1ST Session

H. R. 632

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By Mr. FERNÓS-ISERN

JANUARY 3, 1957

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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(For Department Staff Only)

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HOUSE

1. FOREIGN TRADE; SURPLUS DISPOSAL. The Rules Committee reported a resolution for consideration of H.R. 6974, to extend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (Public Law 480) for one year, to increase the authorization under Title I from \$3 billion to \$4 billion, and to authorize \$300 million additional under Title II for famine relief. p. 6781
Rep. Laird discussed the success of disposing of surplus commodities under Public Law 480, commended the administration of the program by this Department, and urged that it be extended for one year. pp. 6774-76
2. LOANS; FORESTRY. The Rules Committee reported resolutions for consideration of H.R. 3753, to enable this Department to extend financial assistance to desert-land entrymen to the same extent as such assistance is available to homestead entrymen; and S. 469, to authorize the U.S. to defray the cost of assisting the Klamath Indians to prepare for termination of Federal supervision and to defer sales of tribal property, including timberlands. p. 6781
3. APPROPRIATIONS. Conferees agreed to file a report on H.R. 7221, the third supplemental appropriation bill for 1957. p. D453

4. CROP INSURANCE. A subcommittee of the Agriculture Committee ordered reported to the full Committee H.R. 632, to authorize the FCIC to provide reinsurance on any crop or plantation insurance provided in Puerto Rico by a duly authorized agency of Puerto Rico. p. D451
5. STATEHOOD. A subcommittee of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee ordered reported with amendment to the full Committee H.R. 50, to provide for the admission of Alaska into the Union. p. D451
6. ORGANIZATION. Rep. McCormack spoke in favor of his bill, H.R. 7964, to constitute the General Services Administration a Department of General Services p. 6769
7. HEALTH. The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce issued a report on International Health (H. Rept. 474). p. 6781
8. RUSSIAN FARM ECONOMY. In reporting H.R. 7665, the Defense Department appropriation bill for 1958 (see Digest 35), the report of the Appropriations Committee contains additional views of Rep. Whitten discussing his recent trip behind the Iron Curtain, and stating that agriculture is one of the most serious weaknesses in the Soviet economy due to natural limitations resulting for geographic location and climatic conditions, the agricultural system, and the lag in agricultural technology.

SENATE

9. RECLAMATION. Passed without amendment H.R. 2146, to require Congressional approval of small reclamation projects. Rejected Sen. Douglas' amendment to restore the 160-acre limitation (pp. 6718, 6731-43). Ready for President.
10. WATER RESOURCES. Sen. Neuberger inserted his statement before the Appropriations Committees on the need to develop Oregon's water resources. pp. 6718-19
11. TOBACCO; FOREIGN TRADE. Sen. Curtis criticized what he termed misleading propaganda efforts on the part of the Swiss, linking their exports of watches to sales of Md. tobacco. He inserted an article concerning the arrival of a Swiss tobacco representative who is conferring with this Department and Md. tobacco growers. pp. 6719-20
12. ELECTRIFICATION; TAXATION. Sen. Morse inserted the Governor of Oregon's statement on withdrawal from the Pacific Northwest Governor's Power Policy Committee, which the Governor stated was supporting the partnership program. p. 4744
Sen. Morse inserted an article dealing with certain practices of the Idaho Power Co. and criticizing their rapid tax-writeoff. p. 6746
Sen. Morse inserted an article criticizing rapid amortization and urged that the law be repealed. pp. 6746-7
Sen. Morse criticized the rapid tax amortization program and discussed the matter with Sens. Sworshak, Barrett, Douglas, and Lausche. pp. 6723-30
13. HOUSING. Sen. Purtell corrected the Record, pointing out that he had objected to consideration of H.R. 6659, the Housing bill, when the calendar was called Wed. (pp. 6681). Later in the day this was made the pending business (p. 6743).
In reporting H.R. 6659, the proposed Housing Act of 1957 (see Digest No. 84), the report of the Banking and Currency Committee contains the following statements:

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HIGHLIGHTS: House committee reported bills to modify relation of supports on burley and Virginia tobacco, and to provide stand-by authority for crop reinsurance in Puerto Rico. House subcommittee ordered reported bill to establish standards for advisory committees. House committee ordered reported Alaska Statehood bill. House received conference report on State-Justice appropriation bill. Senate debated housing bill. Rep. Becker introduced and discussed bill to increase interest rates on future REA loans. Rep. Jones, Mo., introduced and discussed bill to continue and expand cotton export program.

HOUSE

- ~~1. TOBACCO; CROP INSURANCE. The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment H.R. 7259, to modify the relation of price supports on burley and Virginia tobaccos (H. Rept. 490), and H.R. 632, to authorize the FCIC to provide reinsurance on any crop or plantation insurance provided in Puerto Rico by a duly authorized agency of Puerto Rico (H. Rept. 491). p. 6988~~
- ~~2. ADVISORY COMMITTEES. A subcommittee of the Government Operations Committee ordered reported with amendment to the full Committee H.R. 7390, to amend the Administrative Expense Act of 1946 so as to set up certain standards for the use of advisory committees. p. D465~~
- ~~3. STATEHOOD. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee ordered reported with amendment H.R. 50 (a clean bill will be introduced), to provide statehood for Alaska. p. D465~~
- ~~4. FORESTRY. Both Houses received from the Interior Department a proposed bill to amend the act of May 4, 1956, relating to the establishment of public recreational facilities in Alaska; to H. and S. Interior and Insular Affairs Committees. pp. 6988, 6992~~

The Agriculture Committee ordered reported without amendment S. 44, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in the Apache National Forest, N. Mex. for other lands of private citizens. p. D465

The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee ordered reported without amendment H.R. 4635, to provide for settlement and entry of public lands in Alaska containing coal, oil, or gas under Sec. 10 of the act of May 14, 1898. p. D465

5. PERSONNEL; CLAIMS. The Judiciary Committee recommitted to a subcommittee for further consideration H.R. 6681, to provide for the defense of suits against Federal employees arising out of their operation of motor vehicles in the scope of their employment. p. D466

Rep. McCormack expressed his concern over the "constantly growing loss of scientists and technicians working in Government laboratories" and inserted a magazine article, "Manpower Crisis in Federal Labs - Low Government Salaries Tempt Scientists to Take Industrial Jobs, Discourage New Science Graduates From Entering Federal Service." pp. 6985-87

6. APPROPRIATIONS. Received the conference report on H.R. 6871, the State, Justice and Judiciary appropriation bill for 1958 (Rept. 492). pp. 6958-59, 6988

Continued debate on H.R. 7665, the Defense Department appropriation bill for 1958. pp. 6960-82, 6984-85

7. FARM LOANS. Both Houses received from GAO an audit report on the Farm Credit Administration for 1956. pp. 6988, 6991

8. ATOMIC ENERGY. Received from the State Department a proposed bill to provide for the appointment of representatives of the U.S. in the organs of the International Atomic Energy Agency and to make other provisions with respect to the participation of the U.S. in that Agency; to Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. p. 6988

9. ORGANIZATION. Received a private petition urging congressional support of the Hoover Commission recommendations. p. 6989

SENATE

10. HOUSING. Continued debate on H.R. 6659, the housing bill (pp. 7004, 7019, 7022-3, 7026-30, 7032-69, 7077).

11. TRANSPORTATION. The Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee reported without amendment S. 695, to authorize the compilation of laws dealing with carriers subject to the Interstate Commerce Act (S. Rept. 384). p. 6992

12. TAX AMORTIZATION. Sen. Goldwater inserted an article listing the Ore. firms who have received rapid tax writeoff certificates since 1950. p. 6993

Sens. Humphrey, Morse, and Capehart discussed tax amortization certificates. pp. 7066-9, 7069-72, 7074-6

13. FLOOD CONTROL. Sen. Johnson inserted an article showing the damage wrought by floods in Texas recently. p. 6994

Sen. Kuchel and other Senators urged additional funds for flood control projects. pp. 6995-7

14. ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY. Sen. Humphrey inserted an article on the growing interest of shipping firms in Great Lakes trade. pp. 6999-7001

REINSURANCE OF PUERTO RICAN COFFEE CROP INSURANCE

MAY 28, 1957.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. COOLEY, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the
following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 632]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 632) to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to reinsure the crop insurance on the Puerto Rican coffee crop which is written by an agency of the Puerto Rican Government. The Federal Crop Insurance Act now authorizes the Corporation to reinsure crop insurance written on crops grown in continental United States by private insurance companies but does not authorize such reinsurance for that written in Puerto Rico.

The determination as to whether or not reinsurance is to be provided for the Puerto Rican program is entirely a decision to be made by the Corporation and that such reinsurance is not to be issued unless the Corporation determines that it cannot be obtained from recognized private sources at a reasonable cost.

DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL

Following is a letter from the Department of Agriculture approving the enactment of this bill:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D. C., April 25, 1957.

Hon. HAROLD D. COOLEY,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN COOLEY: This is in reply to your request of February 5, 1957, for a report on H. R. 632, a bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended.

The Department would have no objection to passage of the bill.

The type of coverage that would be provided by this bill is now available from private insurance companies. We understand that the sponsors of this bill would like to have the authority on a standby basis in the event private companies now furnishing the reinsurance should suddenly terminate their reinsurance contracts. If this were to occur and reinsurance could not be immediately obtained elsewhere, the financial status of the Puerto Rican coffee insurance program would be jeopardized.

The basic objective of the Federal crop insurance program is to develop a sound insurance program on a national basis for crops commonly grown in the continental United States. Therefore, a reinsurance contract would be considered only after it had been definitely determined that such reinsurance was not available from private companies at reasonable rates. To do otherwise would unduly place the operations of the Federal crop insurance program in competition with private companies.

Enactment of this legislation would have no effect on the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation's budgetary requirements unless it actually developed that a reinsurance contract was consummated. The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation's available capital funds are quite limited. If a contract were negotiated and a heavy loss occurred, it is probable that restoration of the Corporation's capital funds thus depleted would have to be made by an additional appropriation.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

TRUE D. MORSE, *Acting Secretary.*

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with clause 3 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill are shown as follows (new matter is printed in *italic* and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in *roman*):

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE ACT, AS AMENDED

* * * * *

SEC. 508. * * *

(f) *Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the Corporation is hereby authorized, under such terms and conditions as it deems consistent with sound reinsurance principles, to provide reinsurance on any crop or plantation insurance provided in Puerto Rico by a duly authorized agency of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico: Provided, That no application for reinsurance authorized herein shall be approved, unless the Corporation shall have determined that the reinsurance deemed necessary is not available from recognized private sources at reasonable cost.*

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85TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 632

[Report No. 491]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 1957

Mr. FERNÓS-ISERN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
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MAY 28, 1957

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85TH CONGRESS
1ST Session

H. R. 632

[Report No. 491]

A BILL

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended.

By Mr. FERNÓS-ISERN

JANUARY 3, 1957

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture

MAY 28, 1957

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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2 be approved, unless the corporation shall have determined
3 that the reinsurance deemed necessary is not available from
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June 3, 1957

17. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. Sen. Mansfield announced the clearance of certain bills to be taken up on Wed. or soon thereafter (pp. 7351-2). Among them were the following: S. 1791, to extend the Reorganization Act until 1961; S. 1536, to transfer to the National Archives any records not in current use over 50 years old; and S. 434, to provide for stating budget and other appropriation estimates on an accrued expenditures basis.

18. ADJOURNED until Wed., June 5. p. 7352

HOUSE

19. FOREIGN TRADE; SURPLUS DISPOSAL. Began debate on H.R. 6974, to extend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (Public Law 480) for one year, to increase the authorization under Title I from \$3 billion to \$4 billion, and to authorize \$300 million additional under Title II for famine relief. pp. 7364-76

20. ~~TOBACCO; CROP INSURANCE. Passed without amendment H.R. 7259, to modify the relation of price supports on burley and Virginia tobacco, and H.R. 632, to authorize the FCIC to provide reinsurance on any crop or plantation insurance provided in Puerto Rico by a duly authorized agency of Puerto Rico. p. 7360~~

21. FARM PROGRAM. Rep. Hill commended the Secretary's statement of May 16, 1957, before the House Agriculture Committee relative to a long-range farm program, and inserted the text of the statement. pp. 7380-83

Rep. Poage criticized the position of this Department on the cotton program, as well as a recent magazine editorial, "The Royal Nonesuch," relating to the cotton situation, and stated that the Department "either does not know or does not care much about cotton or cotton producers." pp. 7377-8

22. ELECTRIFICATION. Rep. Marshall criticized proposals to raise the interest rates on REA loans, and stated that if such rates were raised to 3½ percent it would make many of the existing and proposed projects of the rural electrification and rural telephone cooperatives infeasible. pp. 7378-79

Rep. Green inserted an Ore. Legislature memorial requesting the President to reconsider and to deny or substantially reduce the fast tax writeoff granted to the Idaho Power Co. for construction of dams on the Snake River. pp. 7376-77

23. FLOOD CONTROL. Rep. Edmondson urged the passage of flood disaster measures for the relief of flood victims, particularly farmers, in the Southwest. p. 7355

24. WOOL TEXTILES. Rep. Rogers urged restrictions on the importation of woolen textiles. p. 7355

25. MEATS. Passed over, at the request of Rep. Weaver, H.R. 7244, to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 so as to permit deductions for a self-help meat-promotion program. pp. 7358-59

26. FORESTRY. Passed over, at the request of Rep. Cunningham, S. 469, to authorize the U.S. to defray the cost of assisting the Klamath Indians to prepare for termination of Federal supervision and to defer sales of tribal property, including timberlands. p. 7356

Both Houses received from Interior a proposed bill to provide for the leasing of oil and gas deposits in lands beneath inland navigable waters in Alaska; to Interior and Insular Affairs Committees. pp. 7233, 7394

A subcommittee of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee ordered reported H.R. 7522, to authorize the extension of rights to certain individuals to remove timber from national forest lands. p. D480

Received a Tex. Legislature memorial proposing an amendment to the Constitution granting the power to the several States the right to conserve and regulate the exploration, production, and distribution of their petroleum products, water, sulfur, and all other minerals and natural resources. p. 7396

27. FOREIGN TRADE. Rep. Bailey criticized the Departments of State and Commerce for submitting unfavorable reports on proposed legislation to authorize the Tariff Commission to establish import quotas and to adjust import duties under certain conditions when there is injury to a domestic industry. pp. 7383-88
28. RECORDS. Passed without amendment H.R. 5110, to direct the transfer to the National Archives of any records of any Federal agency that are more than 50 years old and are not needed to conduct current business of the agency. p. 7359
29. POSTAL RATES. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee reported with amendment H.R. 5836, to readjust postal rates and to establish a congressional policy for the determination of postal rates (H. Rept. 524). p. 7394
30. TAXATION. As reported by the Ways and Means Committee on May 24 (H. Rept. 481), H.R. 7125 (the proposed Excise Tax Technical Changes Act of 1957) includes provisions as follows: To make effective the relief from tax intended by present law in the case of automotive parts or accessories used or resold for use as repair or replacement parts for farm equipment, the bill provides for sale of such parts on a tax-free basis, under certain conditions, when they are to be used or resold for use for such purposes. Clarifies the definitions of manufacturer of, and dealer in, tobacco materials, and requires that associations of tobacco growers keep certain records in order to indicate their bona fide nature. Imposes a time limit (until Sept. 30, 1961) for refund claims in connection with sugar inventories.

ITEMS IN APPENDIX

31. FLOOD RELIEF. Sen. Monroney inserted a statement he had prepared summarizing the damage caused by floods and tornadoes in the Southwest. pp. A4231-3
32. INFLATION. Sen. Robertson inserted an editorial, "Trend of the Economy--Danger: Inflation Fog Ahead." p. A4233
Sen. Thurmond inserted an editorial summarizing a five-point program advanced by Sen. Talmadge "by which inflation and high taxes can be stopped." p. A4242
33. FOREIGN AID. Sen. Talmadge inserted an editorial questioning "perpetual foreign aid." pp. A4234-5
34. FARM INCOME; FAMILY FARM. Sen. Thye stated that "if this Nation should ever be so unfortunate as to lose the family farms and become solely dependent on corporate types of farming, I think we would see disappear the blessing of abundant supplies of food and fibers which American consumers have always had," and inserted two editorials on this subject. pp. A4239-41

that it limits the amount that can be checked off, although nobody can be forced to contribute.

This bill would not require a checkoff of any individual who objects to it. Neither does it require any marketing agency to make any checkoff at all unless it wants to. The bill leaves it entirely to the institution that is making the checkoff. The institutions can refuse to make any checkoff at all. The institutions can decide whether they consider the promotion agency worthwhile or not. The producer can decide for himself whether he wants his money so used. In fact unless this bill is passed we will have slammed the door in the face of a group of producers who ask only the opportunity to help themselves—the one and only group of producers who are now denied that right.

Mr. BYRNES of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I demand the regular order.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. WEAVER. Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that a rule has been requested, I ask unanimous consent that this bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nebraska?

There was no objection.

REPEALING SECTION 1157 OF TITLE 18 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 3836) to repeal section 1157 of title 18 of the United States Code, as amended.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 1157 of title 18 of the United States Code, as amended, is repealed.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMENDING ACT OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AS AMENDED

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 3837) to amend the act of August 24, 1912, as amended, with reference to educational leave to employees of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the proviso of the act of August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 519, 25 U. S. C. 275), as amended by the act of August 24, 1922 (42 Stat. 829, 25 U. S. C. 275), and by the act of May 8, 1928 (45 Stat. 493, 25 U. S. C. 275), is hereby amended to read: "Provided, That hereafter teachers and other employees who give instruction in schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs may be allowed, in addition to annual leave, educational leave not to exceed 30 workdays per calendar year, or 60 workdays in every alternate year, for attendance at educational gatherings, conventions, institutions, or training schools, if the interest of the Government requires, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe; and no additional salary or expense on account of such leave of absence shall be incurred."

With the following committee amendment:

Page 1, line 7, strike out "and other employees who give instruction."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TRANSFER OF COYOTE VALLEY INDIAN RANCHERIA

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 6692) to authorize the transfer of the Coyote Valley Indian Rancheria to the Secretary of the Army, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the following described land which was acquired by the United States pursuant to the acts of June 21, 1906 (34 Stat. 325, 333), and April 30, 1908 (35 Stat. 70, 76), for the use of landless Indians in California, together with the improvements thereon, is hereby transferred from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of the Army for use in connection with the Coyote Valley Dam:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Mendocino, State of California, and bounded and particularly described as follows, to wit: That portion of lot numbered 149 of the Yoyako Rancho, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of lot 149 of the Yoyako Rancho, said point being in the center of channel of the East Fork of the Russian River; thence south along the west line of said lot 32.69/100 chains; thence east 28 chains; thence north and parallel with the west line of said lot 149 38.49/100 chains to the center of the county road leading from Ukiah to Lake County; thence south 56 degrees west 1.44/100 chains; thence south 86 degrees west 1.14/100 chains; thence north 83 degrees west 3.79/100 chains to a point in the center of said road; thence north, and leaving said road 2.12/100 chains to the center of the channel of the East Fork of Russian River; thence westerly through the center of the channel of said East Fork of Russian River to the point of beginning, lying in the northwest corner of said lot 149 of the Yoyako Rancho, containing approximately 100 acres.

The appraised value of such land and improvements, which is hereby determined to be \$54,000, shall be transferred from the appropriation available to the Corps of Engineers for the construction of the Coyote Valley Dam to the Secretary of the Interior for distribution among the Indians who have assignments on the land. Such sum shall be distributed by paying to each assignee the appraised value of the land assigned to him and the appraised value of the improvements thereon. The remainder of the sum, representing the value of the unassigned portion of the land, shall be distributed equally among the assignees.

SEC. 2. All reimbursable indebtedness charged by the United States against the land described above or the improvements thereon is hereby canceled.

With the following committee amendments:

Page 1, line 9, following the words "Coyote Valley Dam" add "of the Russian River Basin project, California."

Page 2, line 23, following the words "Coyote Valley Dam" add "of the Russian River Basin project, California."

Page 3, line 5, add a new sentence reading: "The payment or distribution of the proceeds from any sale or condemnation pursuant to this act shall not be subject to any lien, except for debts owed to the United States or to Indian organizations indebted to the United States, and shall not be taxable."

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FEDERAL PROPERTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ACT

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 5110) to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

By designating paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of section 507 as paragraphs (3) and (4) and adding a new paragraph (2) to read as follows:

"(2) to direct and effect the transfer to the National Archives of the United States of any records of any Federal agency that have been in existence for more than 50 years and that are determined by the Archivist to have sufficient historical or other value to warrant their continued preservation by the United States Government, unless the head of the agency which has custody of them shall certify in writing to the Administrator that they must be retained in his custody for use in the conduct of the regular current business of the said agency."

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FOUR HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF SETTLEMENT IN FLORIDA

The Clerk called the resolution (H. Con. Res. 117) to commemorate the quadricentennial anniversary of the establishment of the first settlement in Florida.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Whereas August 15, 1959, will mark the 400th anniversary of the first recorded attempt to establish a European settlement in what is now the continental United States; and

Whereas, on August 15, 1559, Don Tristan de Luna landed his Spanish colonists in Florida at Pensacola; and

Whereas the city of Pensacola now commemorates annually the Fiesta of Five Flags in observance and celebration of this anniversary, which has gained national and international recognition; and

Whereas this occasion reestablishes and reemphasizes the ties of friendship and heritage between the nations of the Western Hemisphere; Therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress of the United States joins the people of Florida in commemorating the quadricentennial anniversary of the first attempt to found a European settlement in Florida at Pensacola.

SEC. 2. A copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed and duly authenticated, shall be

transmitted to the governor of Florida, the mayor of Pensacola, and the Fiesta of Five Flags Association, Pensacola, Fla.

The resolution was agreed to.
A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMENDING SECTION 20b OF THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE ACT

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 3775) to amend section 20b of the Interstate Commerce Act in order to require the Interstate Commerce Commission to consider, in stock modification plans, the assents of controlled or controlling stockholders, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That paragraph (2) of section 20b of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended (49 U. S. C. 20b (2)), is amended by striking out the fifth and sixth sentences and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The Commission shall have the power to make such general rules and regulations and such special requirements in any particular case in respect of the solicitation of assents, opposition, assurances of assent, acceptance, approval, or disapproval of such holders (whether such solicitation is made before or after approval of the proposed alteration or modification by the Commission), as it shall deem necessary or desirable; and no solicitation shall be made, and no letter, circular, advertisement, or other communication, or financial or statistical statement, or summary thereof, shall be used in any such solicitation, in contravention of such rules, regulations, or special requirements. The Commission may direct that the assents (and any revocations thereof) of such holders to the proposed alteration or modification shall be addressed to a bank or trust company, approved by it, which is incorporated under the laws of the United States or any State thereof, and which has a capital and surplus of at least \$2 million, and is a member of the Federal Reserve System. Any bank or trust company so approved shall certify to the Commission the result of such submission and the Commission may, in its discretion, rely upon such certification as conclusive evidence in determining the result of such submission. If the Commission shall find that as a result of such submission the proposed alteration or modification has been assented to by the holders of at least 75 per centum of the aggregate principal amount or number of shares outstanding of each class of securities affected thereby (or as to any class (i) where 75 percent thereof is held by fewer than 25 holders, or (ii) which is entitled to vote for the election of directors of the carrier and the assents of the holders of 25 percent or more thereof are determined by the Commission to be within the control of the carrier or of any person or persons controlling the carrier, such larger percentage, if any, as the Commission may determine to be just and reasonable and in the public interest), the Commission shall enter an order approving and authorizing the proposed alteration or modification upon the terms and conditions and with the amendments, if any, so determined to be just and reasonable."

Sec. 2. Paragraph (3) of section 20b of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended (49 U. S. C., sec. 20b (3)), is amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "For the purposes of this section a security (other than a security entitled to vote for the election of directors of the carrier) or an evidence of indebtedness shall not be deemed to be outstanding if, in the determination of the Commission, the assent of the holder thereof

to any proposed alteration or modification is within the control of the carrier or of any person or persons controlling the carrier. The Commission shall, for the purposes of this section, divide the securities to be affected by any proposed alteration of modification into such classes as it shall determine to be just and reasonable."

Sec. 3. The amendments made by this act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month following the month in which this act is enacted.

With the following committee amendments:

Page 3, line 10, strike out "any" and insert "any,".

Page 3, line 11, strike out "reasonable." and insert "'reasonable.'"

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

VIRGINIA TOBACCO

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 7259) relating to marketing quotas and price supports for fire-cured, dark air-cured, and Virginia sun-cured tobacco.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 301 (b) (15) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is amended by adding the following new proviso at the end thereof: "Provided further, That with respect to the 1958 and subsequent crops, type 21 (Virginia) fire-cured tobacco shall be treated as a 'kind of tobacco' for the purposes of all of the provisions of this title, except that for the purposes of section 312 (c) of this title, types 21, 22, and 23, fire-cured tobacco shall be treated as one 'kind of tobacco'."

Sec. 2. Section 2 of the act of July 28, 1945 (59 Stat. 506), is amended by adding the following proviso: "Provided, That, beginning with the 1958 crop, the levels of support for such kinds of tobacco shall not exceed the higher of (a) the level applicable to the 1957 crop or (b) 90 percent of the parity price."

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REINSURANCE OF PUERTO RICAN COFFEE CROP INSURANCE

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 632) to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 508 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1508), is amended by adding a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

"(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the corporation is hereby authorized, under such terms and conditions as it deems consistent with sound reinsurance principles, to provide reinsurance on any crop or plantation insurance provided in Puerto Rico by a duly authorized agency of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico: *Provided*, That, no application for reinsurance authorized herein shall be approved, unless the corporation shall have determined that the reinsurance deemed necessary is not available from recognized private sources at reasonable cost."

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER. That concludes the call of the Consent Calendar.

PRIVATE CALENDAR

The SPEAKER. This is the day set aside for the call of the Private Calendar. The Clerk will call the first bill on the Private Calendar.

MRS. ELISE T. KIRK

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 1412) for the relief of Mrs. Elise T. Kirk.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. AVERY and Mr. VAN PELT objected, and, under the rule, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETER V. BOSCH

The Clerk called the bill (S. 189) for the relief of Peter V. Bosch.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Peter V. Bosch, of Rugby, N. Dak., the sum of \$175, representing the value of his Holstein cow which died shortly after and as a result of injuries sustained by her while undergoing an examination for disease conducted by representatives of the Disease Eradication Branch of the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture on May 6, 1955: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this act in excess of 10 percent thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. AVERY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that this bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kansas?

There was no objection.

MRS. RHEA SILVERS

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 2070) for the relief of Mrs. Rhea Silvers.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Mrs. Rhea Silvers, Baltimore, Md., the sum of \$105.40. The payment of such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims of Mrs. Rhea Silvers against the United States for reimbursement of the amount which her late husband, Jacques Silvers (serial number 37050836), was required to refund to the United States because he received such amount while he was an alien enlisted man in the Army of the United States from January 24, 1941, to May 23, 1941:

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H. R. 632

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 1957

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

AN ACT

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3 That section 508 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as
4 amended (7 U. S. C. 1508), is amended by adding a new
5 subsection (f) to read as follows:

6 “(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title,
7 the corporation is hereby authorized, under such terms and
8 conditions as it deems consistent with sound reinsurance
9 principles, to provide reinsurance on any crop or plantation
10 insurance provided in Puerto Rico by a duly authorized
11 agency of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico: *Provided,*

- 1 That, no application for reinsurance authorized herein shall
- 2 be approved, unless the corporation shall have determined
- 3 that the reinsurance deemed necessary is not available from
- 4 recognized private sources at reasonable cost."

Passed the House of Representatives June 3, 1957.

Attest:

RALPH R. ROBERTS,

Clerk.

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HIGHLIGHTS: Senate committee reported bills to make permanent Federal administration of ACP, and to provide stand-by authority for crop reinsurance in Puerto Rico. Sen. Cooper urged continuation of ACP cost-sharing practices. Sen. Neuberger criticized President's statement on inflationary effect of farm program. Sen. Murray and others introduced and Sen. Murray discussed bill to repeal timber Sustained Yield Act.

SENATE

1. CROP INSURANCE. The Agriculture and Forestry Committee reported without amendment H.R. 632, to extend crop reinsurance to Puerto Rico (S. Rept. 580). p. 9776
2. SOIL CONSERVATION. The Agriculture and Forestry Committee reported with amendment H.R. 1045, to remove the time limit on Federal administration of ACP but to retain the authority for State administration if State plans are submitted and approved (S. Rept. 581). p. 9776
Sen. Cooper urged the Secretary to continue the cost-sharing practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program, particularly those for sharing the cost of supplying certain minerals to increase soil fertility. pp. 9813-14
3. FARM PRICES. Sen. Neuberger criticized the President's statement concerning the relationship of the increase in the cost of living to farm price increases and the farm program. pp. 9788-9
4. MINERALS. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported with amendments S. 2069, to promote the development of coal on the public domain (S. Rept. 576). p. 9776

5. PERSONNEL. The Daily Digest states: "Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Federal Employee's Compensation held an executive session and rescinded its previous action on S. 27, to increase rates of basic compensation of employees in the field service of Post Office Department and S. 734, to revise the basic compensation schedules of the Classification Act of 1949, which action was to grant \$500 increases across the board in all levels and all grades. In lieu of this action, the subcommittee today agreed to provide a 7½ percent increase across the board in all levels and all grades, and also agreed to a \$240 temporary cost-of-living adjustment in the first five levels of the postal field service schedule." p. D615
The Joint Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures inserted its report on Federal employment and pay for May, 1957. pp. 9776-80.
6. TRANSPORTATION. Passed with an amendment (by Sen. Smathers, to allow a contract carrier serving but one shipper for not less than a year to file minimum charges unless the ICC decides otherwise) S. 943, to require contract carriers by motor vehicles to file actual rates or charges with the ICC. pp. 9794-5
Passed without amendment S. 1461, to permit revocation of operating authorities for non-willful (as well as willful) offenses, and to change certain revocation procedures. pp. 9809-10
Passed as reported S. 1383, to require freight forwarders to obtain certificates of public convenience and necessity. p. 9810
7. BUILDINGS. Passed without amendment S. 2261 to amend and extend the Public Buildings Purchase Contract Act of 1954 and to require certain distribution and approval of Congress for such projects. pp. 9805-6
8. RECLAMATION. Passed as reported S. 977, to suspend and modify the application of the excess land provisions of the Federal reclamation laws to lands in the East Bench unit, Mo. River Basin Project. pp. 9810-11
9. SMALL BUSINESS. The Banking and Currency Committee ordered reported H.R. 7963, to extend the Small Business Act of 1953 for one year and increase the SBA loan authority by \$75 million. p. D614
10. ELECTRIFICATION; RECLAMATION. Sen. Murray stated his regret at the action of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee on the Hells Canyon dam bill, and inserted an editorial on the subject. p. 9787
11. FARM PROGRAM. Sen. Kefauver expressed regret of the death of Knox T. Hutchinson former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. p. 9806
12. MONOPOLIES. Sen. Kefauver discussed a proposed National Chamber of Commerce meeting to discuss monopoly and urged more discussion of such economic problems pp. 9806-7
13. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. Sen. Mansfield stated that, conditions permitting, the Senate on Mon., July 8, would take up and consider S. 2406, to authorize the construction of electrification works on the Niagara River, and S. 1869, to amend the TVA Act to allow the issuing of bonds to finance the TVA power program (p. 9813). Sen. Knowland announced his intention to call up H.R. 6121, proposed civil rights legislation, following the conclusion of the pending business on Mon., July 8 (p. 9814).
14. ADJOURNED until Fri., July 5. p. 9814

PUERTO RICAN CROP INSURANCE

JULY 3, 1957.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. ELLENDER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 632]

The Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 632) to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

This bill authorizes the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to reinsure Puerto Rican crop insurance if private reinsurance should become unavailable. Private reinsurance is now available, but standby authority for Federal reinsurance is desirable to safeguard against the serious consequences which could occur to the Puerto Rican coffee insurance program if the private reinsurance should be terminated.

Since the bill provides only for standby authority, it is not contemplated that its enactment would require the expenditure of any funds. If a reinsurance contract were negotiated at some future time, it would be negotiated on an actuarial basis.

The report of the House Committee on Agriculture is attached.

[H. Rept. No. 491, 85th Cong., 1st sess.]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 632) to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to reinsure the crop insurance on the Puerto Rican coffee crop which is written by an agency of the Puerto Rican Government. The Federal Crop Insurance Act now authorizes the Corporation to reinsure crop insurance written on crops grown in continental United States by private insurance companies but does not authorize such reinsurance for that written in Puerto Rico.

The determination as to whether or not reinsurance is to be provided for the Puerto Rican program is entirely a decision to be made by the Corporation and that such reinsurance is not to be issued unless the Corporation determines that it cannot be obtained from recognized private sources at a reasonable cost.

DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL

Following is a letter from the Department of Agriculture approving the enactment of this bill:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D. C., April 25, 1957.

HON. HAROLD D. COOLEY,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN COOLEY: This is in reply to your request of February 5, 1957, for a report on H. R. 632, a bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended.

The Department would have no objection to passage of the bill.

The type of coverage that would be provided by this bill is now available from private insurance companies. We understand that the sponsors of this bill would like to have the authority on a standby basis in the event private companies now furnishing the reinsurance should suddenly terminate their reinsurance contracts. If this were to occur and reinsurance could not be immediately obtained elsewhere, the financial status of the Puerto Rican coffee insurance program would be jeopardized.

The basic objective of the Federal crop insurance program is to develop a sound insurance program on a national basis for crops commonly grown in the continental United States. Therefore, a reinsurance contract would be considered only after it had been definitely determined that such reinsurance was not available from private companies at reasonable rates. To do otherwise would unduly place the operations of the Federal crop insurance program in competition with private companies.

Enactment of this legislation would have no effect on the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation's budgetary requirements unless it actually developed that a reinsurance contract was consummated. The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation's available capital funds are quite limited. If a contract were negotiated and a heavy loss occurred, it is probable that restoration of the Corporation's capital funds thus depleted would have to be made by an additional appropriation.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

TRUE D. MORSE, *Acting Secretary.*

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection (4) of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE ACT, AS AMENDED

* * * * *

SEC. 508. * * *

(f) *Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the Corporation is hereby authorized, under such terms and conditions as it deems consistent with sound reinsurance principles, to provide reinsurance on any crop or plantation insurance provided in Puerto Rico by a duly authorized agency of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico: Provided, That, no application for reinsurance authorized herein shall be approved, unless the Corporation shall have determined that the reinsurance deemed necessary is not available from recognized private sources at reasonable cost.*

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H. R. 632

[Report No. 580]

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 1957

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JULY 3, 1957

Reported by Mr. ELLENDER, without amendment

AN ACT

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 2 be approved, unless the corporation shall have determined
 3 that the reinsurance deemed necessary is not available from
 4 recognized private sources at reasonable cost."

Passed the House of Representatives June 3, 1957.

Attest:

RALPH R. ROBERTS,

Clerk.

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H. R. 632

[Report No. 580]

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Reported without amendment

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HIGHLIGHTS: Senate passed bills to: Extend authority for Federal administration of ACP. Provide standby authority for crop reinsurance in Puerto Rico. Sen. Humphrey criticized USDA disaster relief efforts in Minn.. Sen. Humphrey introduced and discussed bill to provide for control of noxious weeds on Federal lands.

SENATE

1. CROP INSURANCE. Passed without amendment H.R. 632, to extend standby authority for crop reinsurance to Puerto Rico. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 9894
2. SOIL CONSERVATION. Passed as reported H.R. 1045, to extend until Dec. 31, 1962, the authority of the Secretary to administer the agricultural conservation payment program pending approval of State plans for administration of the program.
3. APPROPRIATIONS. Sen. Johnson inserted a table showing Senate action on the various appropriation bills. p. 9894
4. DISASTER RELIEF. Sen. Humphrey criticized the Department's efforts to bring assistance to flooded farmers in Minn., and inserted his letter to the Secretary urging coordinated action, and three farmer resolutions requesting special FHA loans. pp. 9919-20
5. MEATPACKING. The Daily Digest announced that the Judiciary Committee "defeated an amendment proposed by Sen. Dirksen to S. 1356, to amend the anti-trust laws by vesting in FTC jurisdiction to prevent monopolistic practices in commerce in the meat industry." p. D622

6. NEWSPRINT. At the request of Sen. Talmadge passed over S. Con. Res. 20, authorizing FTC to investigate newsprint producers. p. 9887
7. RECREATION. At the request of Sens. Barrett and Talmadge passed over S. 1164, to make the evaluation of recreational benefits part of the planning for any water resources project. p. 9887
8. ATOMIC ENERGY. At the request of Sen. Clark passed over S. 2051, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide liability protection for nuclear power-plants. p. 9887
9. TRANSPORTATION. At the request of Sen. Clark passed over S. 377, to make final certain contracts between the Government and common carriers. p. 9887
10. PERSONNEL. At the request of Sen. Barrett passed over S. 25, to relate the effective date of wage-board employees wage increases to the wage survey date. p. 9887
11. SAFETY. At the request of Sen. Barrett passed over S. 931, to reorganize the safety functions of the Government. p. 9887
12. WATER RESOURCES. At the request of Sen. Barrett passed over S. Con. Res. 28, to print a compilation of materials relating to the development of water resources in the Columbia River Basin. p. 9887
13. HOUSING. At the request of Sens. Talmadge and Barrett passed over H.R. 4602, to encourage veteran's residential construction in rural areas by raising the maximum limits for direct loans. p. 9887
14. FOREIGN TRADE; SURPLUS COMMODITIES. Sen. Humphrey inserted Sen. Cooper's statement before the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee on the operations under Public Law 480. pp. 9880-2
15. FLOOD CONTROL. Sen. Johnson urged greater efforts to control floods in the Southwest. pp. 9839-40
16. MARKETING. Sen. Wiley inserted a resolution from the Milwaukee city council urging enactment of H.R. 4504, to provide Federal aid in financing produce market improvements. p. 9840
17. ELECTRIFICATION. S. 2406, to construct improvement works for power in the Niagara River, became the Senate's unfinished business. pp. 9875, 9888, 9897-8
Sen. Morse inserted a letter criticizing private power companies for urging that private utilities construct the John Day dam. p. 9855
18. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. Sen. Johnson announced that until disposition of H.R. 6127, the Civil Rights bill, "The minority leader has pointed out that he does not intend to have other proposed legislation brought before the Senate except measures of an extreme emergency nature which can be agreed on by unanimous consent." pp. 9897-8

HOUSE

19. PUBLIC LANDS. Rep. Natcher discussed the problems of local communities caused by Federal ownership of large areas of land, and suggested that "every effort should be made by the Federal Government to release as much of this land as possible which is not necessary for the security of our Nation." pp. 9952-53

the north line of said section a distance of 869.42 feet (approximately) to the east line of the aforesaid land of the United States; thence south 13 degrees 41 minutes west 10.32 feet (approximately) to the southeast corner or said 10-foot strip herein described; thence south 89 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds west with a line 40 feet south of and parallel with the north section line 866.87 feet (approximately) to a point 30 feet east and 40 feet south of the northwest section corner; thence north 10 feet to the beginning.

And, on page 3, after line 6, to insert:

The above-described 2 parcels contain 0.68 acre, more or less.

So as to make the bill read:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to grant and convey to the city of Las Vegas, Nev., without consideration, and subject to such conditions as the Secretary may deem necessary, perpetual easements for road widening purposes in two small strips of land in the city of Las Vegas, Nev., owned by the United States (under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior), described as follows:

PARCEL NUMBERED 1

The east 45 feet of the west 75 feet of the north 507 feet of northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 30, township 20 south, range 61 east, Mount Diablo meridian; save and except the north 40 feet thereof.

PARCEL NUMBERED 2

A strip of land 10 feet wide in the northwest quarter northwest quarter of said section 30 having for its beginning corner a point 30 feet east and 30 feet south of the northwest corner of said section; thence north 89 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds east with a line 30 feet south of and parallel with the north line of said section a distance of 869.42 feet (approximately) to the east line of the aforesaid land of the United States; thence south 13 degrees 41 minutes west 10.32 feet (approximately) to the southeast corner of said 10-foot strip herein described; thence south 89 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds west with a line 40 feet south of and parallel with the north section line 866.87 feet (approximately) to a point 30 feet east and 40 feet south of the northwest section corner; thence north 10 feet to the beginning.

The above-described two parcels contain 0.68 acre, more or less.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, this bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Las Vegas, without consideration, perpetual easements for road widening purposes. The land consists of approximately one-half acre.

The land in question was granted to the United States by the city in 1937, without consideration, for use by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The report—No. 579—says the United States has no need for the one-half acre, and that the highway improvement would be beneficial to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

In view of the original gratuitous conveyance to the United States, the lack of need for the one-half acre by the Federal Government, and the benefit to the Fish and Wildlife Service through the highway improvement, it appears no violation of the Morse formula is involved.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the committee amendments.

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

DEVELOPMENT OF COAL ON THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

The bill (S. 2069) to amend section 27 of the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, in order to promote the development of coal on the public domain, was announced as next in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs with amendments on page 2, at the beginning of line 3, to insert "after public hearing"; in the same line, after the word "that", to strike out "(1)"; and, in the same line, after the word "is", to insert "in the public interest and"; in line 4, after the word "necessary", to strike out "to enable" and insert "for"; at the beginning of line 5, to insert "in order"; and, in the same line, after the word "economically", to strike out "or (2) such person, association, or corporation is carrying on mining operations—including developments in furtherance or incidental thereto—under any such lease in such State or is commencing such operations, may permit such person, association, or corporation to take or hold coal leases or permits for an additional aggregate of ten thousand two hundred and forty acres in such State." and insert "may, under such regulations as he may prescribe, permit such person, association, or corporation to hold additional coal leases or permits in multiples of forty acres each not to exceed a total of five thousand one hundred and twenty acres in such State.", and after line 16, to insert:

SEC. 2. Subsection (c) of section 2 of such act of February 25, 1920, as amended (30 U. S. C. 202), is repealed.

So as to make the bill read:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 27 of the act of February 25, 1920, as amended (41 Stat. 448, 30 U. S. C. 184), is further amended by deleting from the first sentence thereof the words "coal or" and "for each of said minerals," and inserting at the beginning of said section the following:

"No person, association, or corporation, except as herein provided, shall take or hold coal leases or permits during the life of such lease in any one State, exceeding in the aggregate acreage 10,240 acres, except that the Secretary of the Interior, where he finds, after public hearing, that it is in the public interest and necessary for a person, association, or corporation in order to carry on business economically, may, under such regulations as he may prescribe, permit such person, association, or corporation to hold additional coal leases or permits in multiples of 40 acres each not to exceed a total of 5,120 acres in such State."

SEC. 2. Subsection (c) of section 2 of such act of February 25, 1920, as amended (30 U. S. C. 202), is repealed.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Record at this point a statement in explanation of the bill.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

STATEMENT BY SENATOR BARRETT

The bill, S. 2069, was introduced by my colleague, Senator O'MAHONEY, and myself. The bill has two objectives: (1) to increase the maximum acreage which may be held under a coal lease or permit under the Mineral Leasing Act from 5,120 acres to 10,240 acres, with a provision that after public hearing and upon proper showing, the Secretary of the Interior in his discretion may grant an additional lease of not to exceed 5,120 acres, and (2) to repeal the provisions of section 2 (c) of the Mineral Leasing Act which requires that a railroad company can use coal produced under a Federal lease solely for the operation of its railroad.

The Secretary of the Interior submitted a favorable report on the bill. The Bureau of the Budget concurred in the views expressed by the Secretary and reported that it had no objection to the enactment of the bill. The bill was reported unanimously by our Senate Interior Committee. Many witnesses appeared at the hearing before the committee in support of the bill and no one appeared in opposition thereto.

Wyoming is blessed with an abundance of coal. Coal deposits have been found in every county in Wyoming. The Federal Government owns the coal under 70 percent of the area of our State. The Federal lands are estimated to contain 84 billion tons of coal. Coal is one of Wyoming's greatest natural resources. In 1940 there were 126 commercial and 11 captive, making a total of 137 coal mines in operation in our State. In 1956 only 20 commercial and 4 captive, making a total of 24 mines in operation. The average number of men employed in coal mining in Wyoming has decreased from 4,321 in 1940 to 1,016 in 1956.

If this bill is passed we have every reason to believe that several large power installations will be constructed at different points in our State that will use and develop our coal resources and give employment to many of our people.

Secretary Seaton in his favorable report on the bill stated the case in this fashion: "An increase in the maximum acreage which may be held under a coal lease or permit now appears necessary if the Federal Government is to permit the more complete utilization of low and medium grade coal deposits under the more modern methods of mechanized mining. * * * There are in the Western States extensive coal deposits amenable to strip mining which could provide a low-cost source of coal supply and could be utilized for power production to firm up hydroelectric power. Thus, an increase in acreage limitation would tend to provide energy sources which are demanded by our expanding economy and would be in the national interest."

The bill will make it possible for widespread development of our coal resources and the conversion of the coal into low-cost power to meet the expanding industrial needs of Wyoming. In addition, the bill will enable the Union Pacific Railroad Co. to expand its present coal mining business under its proposed dual operation of extracting synthetic fuels and tars and using the char for the purpose of generating electric power and thereafter using the power to process iron ore from its tremendous iron ore holdings at Iron Mountain, northwest of Cheyenne, Wyo.

The coal reserves of Wyoming have been estimated at 121 billion tons, of which 13 billion tons is bituminous coal and 108 is sub-bituminous coal. This bill will, in my judgment, make possible a revival of the coal mining industry in our State.

I am confident that not only Wyoming but many other Western coal States will be bene-

fit by this legislation and that the bill will add materially to the economic growth and development of all of the mountain West.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the committee amendments.

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

AMENDMENT OF FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE ACT

The bill (H. R. 632) to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

Mr. ELLENDER subsequently said: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a statement in explanation of H. R. 632 be printed in the RECORD at the point in the RECORD where the bill was passed.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATEMENT BY SENATOR ELLENDER

This bill would authorize the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to reinsure crop insurance issued by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Such reinsurance would be provided only under terms and conditions consistent with sound reinsurance principles, and then only if private reinsurance should become unavailable. The bill's purpose is to provide a safeguard for the Puerto Rican coffee crop insurance program, if private reinsurance contracts should suddenly be terminated; and no cost to the Government is contemplated.

AMENDMENT OF SOIL CONSERVATION AND DOMESTIC ALLOTMENT ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 1045) to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, which had been reported from the Committee on Agriculture with an amendment to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590h), is amended by striking out of subsection (a) "January 1, 1959" and "December 31, 1958", wherever they appear therein, and inserting in lieu thereof "January 1, 1963" and "December 31, 1962", respectively.

The amendment was agreed to.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. ELLENDER subsequently said: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD at the point where H. R. 1045 was passed, a statement in explanation of the bill.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATEMENT BY SENATOR ELLENDER

This bill would extend the Secretary of Agriculture's authority to administer the agricultural conservation payment program pending the approval of State plans. When the program was authorized in 1936, it was contemplated that it would be carried out by the States with the aid of Federal grants. In order to give the States an opportunity to pass authorizing legislation and submit appropriate plans, the Secretary of Agriculture was given authority to administer the program for 2 years. The Secretary's authority has since been extended from time to time, and the latest extension is effective until December 31, 1958. Only 24 States now have authorizing legislation and it is not likely that the States will assume administration of the program in the near future, although the bill still provides for State administration.

As passed by the House, the bill would have extended the Secretary's authority indefinitely, so long as State plans are not approved. The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry has recommended that the bill be extended only for 4 years, until December 31, 1962, provided, of course, that State plans are not approved in the meantime. The committee felt that this program is one for which the authorizing

legislation should be reviewed by Congress from time to time, and the committee substitute consequently would limit the extension to 4 years.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That concludes the call of the calendar.

STATUS OF APPROPRIATION BILLS AS OF JULY 8, 1957

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, a parliamentary inquiry. The—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator will state it.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. What is the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The pending business is the Niagara power bill.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD at this point a statement relative to the status of appropriation bills as of July 8, 1957.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Status of appropriation bills as of July 8, 1957

Bill	Subcommittee chairman	Passed House	Status
2d urgent deficiency, 1957	Hayden	Apr. 15	Passed Senate Apr. 16, approved Apr. 16, Public Law 15.
Additional deficiency, 1957	do	Apr. 17	Passed Senate Apr. 18, approved Apr. 20, Public Law 19.
Treasury-Post Office	Robertson	Feb. 20	Passed Senate May 13, approved May 28, Public Law 37.
General Government matters	Magnuson	Mar. 13	Passed Senate May 22, approved June 5, Public Law 48.
State-Justice-Judiciary-USIA	Johnson	Apr. 17	Passed Senate May 15, approved June 11, Public Law 49.
Commerce	Holland	Apr. 9	Passed Senate May 17, approved June 13, Public Law 52.
3d supplemental, 1957	Hayden	May 7	Passed Senate May 20, approved June 21, Public Law 58.
District of Columbia	Pastore	Apr. 8	Passed Senate June 11, approved June 27, Public Law 61.
Labor-Health, Education, and Welfare	Hill	Apr. 4	Passed Senate June 12, approved June 29, Public Law 67.
Independent offices	Magnuson	Mar. 20	Passed Senate June 12, approved June 29, Public Law 69.
Legislative	Stennis	May 23	Passed Senate June 27, approved July 1, Public Law 75.
Interior	Hayden	Feb. 26	Passed Senate June 24, approved July 1, Public Law 77.
Agriculture	Russell	May 15	Passed Senate June 12; conference report to be filed July 8.
Defense	Chavez	May 29	Passed Senate July 2; conference, week of July 8.
Public works	Ellender	June 19	Subcommittee markup July 9.
Mutual security	Hayden		House holding hearings; Senate hearings, week of July 15.
Supplemental, 1958	Full committee		

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, the statement shows that the Senate has acted on 14 of the 17 appropriation bills, and that 12 of them have been sent to the President. The agricultural and defense appropriation bills are still to be acted on in conference. The public works appropriation bill, which passed the House on June 19, will be marked up tomorrow. The mutual security appropriation bill has not been acted upon, because the House has not acted on the authorization bill, although the Senate passed the authorization bill sometime ago.

Of course we shall also have to consider the final supplemental appropriation bill, which has not been submitted as yet.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. What is the pleasure of the Senate?

SENATE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY THROUGH JUNE 30, 1957

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD at this point a statement on the legislative activity of the Senate for the 1st sessions of the 80th through the 85th Congress. I may say that I shall bring the table up to date after the call of the calendar today.

There being no objection, the table was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Public Law 85-111
85th Congress, H. R. 632
July 23, 1957

AN ACT

71 Stat. 309.

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 508 ^{Crop reinsurance.} of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1508), ^{52 Stat. 74.} is amended by adding a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

“(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the corporation is hereby authorized, under such terms and conditions as it deems consistent with sound reinsurance principles, to provide reinsurance on any crop or plantation insurance provided in Puerto Rico by a duly authorized agency of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico: *Provided*, That, no application for reinsurance authorized herein shall be approved, unless the corporation shall have determined that the reinsurance deemed necessary is not available from recognized private sources at reasonable cost.”

Approved July 23, 1957.

